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There has been no dialogue between the Government of India and the NSCN(K) so far.

Assurance to J and K on autonomy

† 1944. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir for initiating talks following the adoption of resolution regarding autonomy by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly;

(b) if so, whether any positive assurance was given on the issue of autonomy by him and the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir before the adoption of the said resolution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government are contemplating to take any firm decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people. Keeping this in mind, the Chief Minister, J and K had called on the Prime Minister on 17.7.2000. It was mutually agreed that Government of India and Government of Jammu and Kashmir will be in touch with each other on the subject of devolution of powers to the State. Details and modalities of such devolution were however not discussed in the said meeting.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.